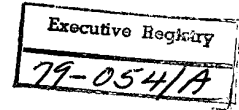
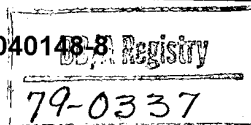




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Ms. Judith H. Shreve
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Dear Ms. Shreve:

Thank you very much for your letter of 8 January 1979 and your invitation to submit a statement for inclusion in the Annual Convention Issue of SIGNAL magazine.

The quality and variety of communications and data processing technologies available to us continues to impress me. The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and SIGNAL are two important vehicles to my people in keeping abreast of these fields. My comments on the subject for inclusion in your May issue are enclosed.

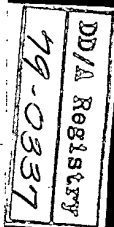
I hope your convention is successful. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Enclosure



The Intelligence Community continues to rely increasingly on communications and computer sciences in the collection, processing and dissemination of intelligence. Policymakers today are increasingly involved with greater numbers of more complex issues as new factions exert their influence on the world scene. Events of intelligence interest develop so rapidly in today's global environment that the need to communicate and process information more accurately and rapidly is a continuing challenge.

Growing needs for innovative information handling techniques seem to outrun technological development. For that reason we are always seeking solutions to information handling problems that will provide fast and reliable methods of dealing with the profusion of data available to us.

Compounding this challenge is the corresponding need to apply fiscal restraint to development programs. We are compelled to be ever more judicious in selecting among the often costly, technical solutions to problems. Prudence must be exercised that we not be shortsighted and commit to economically attractive solutions that may limit our ability to respond effectively to future problems.

At the heart of our effectiveness is the adequacy of the intelligence data base over the long haul. Our ability to maintain it reliably and efficiently over time may very well determine the quality and quantity of American intelligence. We have learned in the past that we can rely on your help and cooperation. We will continue to need it now and in the future.